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Uneven horizontal edges of holographic windowed thread



Counterfeit note:

More even horizontal edges of holographic windowed thread

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Genuine note: Images are clear and embossed feeling is strong





Counterfeit note: Images are less clear and embossed feeling is weak



Genuine note:
Clear tonality
and strong
contrast in the
watermark



Counterfeit note: Less clear tonality and weak contrast in the watermark



Genuine note:

Denomination numeral shifts between gold and green





Counterfeit note:

Denomination numeral shifts between brownish gold and dull green

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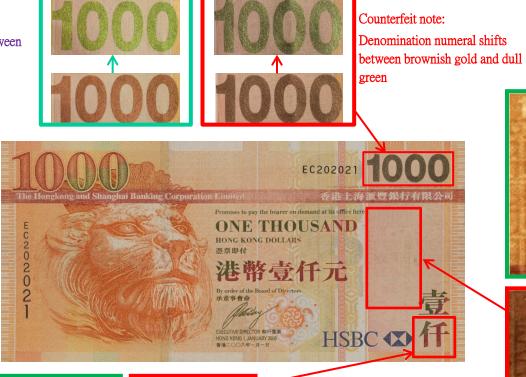
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